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Dear Friend,

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Before I touch on any other subject, let me congratulate you — ourselves — the World, on the formation of the British India Society; for surely there is no part of the world to which it will not communicate a happy & powerful impulse. I see at a glance what its effect must be on American Slavery, & cast my whole spirit across the Atlantic, towards you in England who have devised, & are carrying it forward, in joyful cooperation & hope. You name it the British India Society? or is it the British-India Society? If the former, we feel as if we were Britons enough to become members of it;— if the latter we may become your co-labourers as citizens of the world. You will hear from the Official Board of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, (comprising Garrison, Loring, Follen, Henry Chapman, Southwick & others of whom Thompson can tell you,) on this subject

which has deeply interested them. You may Judge how the great body of Abolitionists here will feel towards your Enterprise by the resolution expressing of "Sympathy with George Thompson, in the new & vast enterprise upon which he is entering," passed by the N. England Annual Convention;— one of the largest — perhaps the largest & most important Stated Convocation of the friends of Freedom ever held here. I have distributed your pamphlets & lent your books (for which accept my warmest thanks) among those whose hearts are ~~stout~~, like the Spear of Hazeldean, "ready, aye ready;" & we shall do our utmost to direct interest & attention to a work so full of promise to humanity, & so fraught with terror to slavery.

My friends the Phillipses unite to me in the great satisfaction they have had in knowing you & of your kindness, which claims my thanks no less than theirs.

Mr Scoble, by whom this letter will reach you, has been lecturing on the W. I. Emancipation to vast audiences,— 3000 persons, it is estimated, heard his last address in Boston. Is it not

grievous to reflect, that just as Freedom was beginning to obtain a general hearing among us, the love of some should have waxed so cold, that they are labouring to extinguish the religious opinions of their brethren on other subjects, instead of co-operating with them against the common enemy: but so it is - & we have already lost the Revenge of our suffering on account of their conduct. The whole affair seemed like a perfect riddle to the friends of the cause at a distance from Boston. When the mystery was at its height, I was requested to deliver an address at Lynn, before the Abolitionists there, in the course of which, I adverted to the "difficulty." I found the minds of the friends much relieved by such information as my personal knowledge enabled me to give; & their wishes for a report of what I had said, for publication, induced me to think that a history of the affair, which is, at the bottom, only a struggle of the Sectarian with the Universal, induced by the terrors of ionic, lest strong sympathy in principle, should efface the lines between "Congregationalist" & "Friend" - "Calvinist" & "Unitarian," might do good to those who saw "a quarrel but nothing wherefore," & who were made the dupes of intolerance & intrigue disguised as abolition. Pray accept the Book - "Right & wrong in Massachusetts." Perhaps it will be hardly intelligible to you, as I could take much local information

for granted, in the minds of readers here, for whom the book was written.

God be praised, the false friends have not succeeding in casting out the true friends, but it is probable that their perfidy will greatly endanger their numbers from the ranks of those whom fidelity has hitherto kept aloof.

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You can hardly imagine with what satisfaction I receive your letters or how widely the intelligence they give, diffuses pleasure & hope.

With grateful & affectionate regard, I am your friend

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